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Brett Butler, General Manager
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Re: Approval of Zone of Mixing for Ammonia; NPDES Permit No. AS0000019

Dear Mr. Butler:

We have received and reviewed your request for approval of a Zone of Mixing (ZOM) for ammonia, as submitted by your authorized representative (gdc, 29 October 2007) for the above referenced NPDES permit.

We have determined that your request meets policy and criteria in accordance with §24.0207 (a) and §24.0207 (b) (1-10) of the American Samoa Water Quality Standards (ASWQS).

The discharge is found to be consistent with the protected uses for Pago Pago Harbor as stated in the ASWQS and sections 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Clean Water Act, and ASEPA has determined that there is reasonable assurance that the discharge will not cause violations of the ASWQS. Approval is hereby given for the ZOM for ammonia provided that all conditions of the NPDES permit and the ASWQS (except as authorized within ZOM) continue to be met.

If you have any questions regarding this approval, please feel free to contact me, or Peter Peshut of my staff at (684) 633-2304.

Sincerely,

Fanuatolo Dr. T. Vaiaga'e, Director

cc: Steven Costa, gdc
Carl Goldstein, USEPA
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